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WIFA Awards Country Roads Improvement District With \$4.37 Million Loan to Connect Community to Wastewater Treatment Plant

PHOENIX – Water Infrastructure Finance Authority Chairman Steve Owens announced today a \$4.37 million loan to the Country Roads Improvement District to move the community off of its reliance on septic tanks and to connect the approximately 1300 properties to Yuma's East Mesa Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The project will retire the community's dependence on 97 septic tanks that are susceptible to contaminating the community's aquifer. To connect Country Roads to the wastewater plant, a wastewater collection system will be constructed to properly move wastewater to the plant.

"This project helps to safeguard and enhance Yuma's precious aquifer," said Owens, who is also Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

The plant's collection system has a 1.03 million gallon daily capacity, for the estimated 377,040 gallons per day wastewater flow discharged by the retirement community. The estimated average daily flow represents 37% of the treatment plant's collection capacity.

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ABOUT THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona maintains and improves water quality in Arizona by providing communities and private water systems with access to low-interest financial assistance and technical assistance needed for basic water infrastructure. WIFA's funds are capitalized by contributions from the US Congress and the state of Arizona. As a leader in water infrastructure finance, WIFA has become a premier financial institution both in Arizona and nationally. Visit WIFA's Web site at www.azwifa.gov.